

The last Speech of Mr. William Lloyd a Clergy-Man, who was Tryed and Condemned at Brecknock in South-Wales. An.Dom. 1679. and dyed in Prison there a Week before he was to be Executed ; and left this Speech in Writing.

In the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, *Amen.*

Dearly Beloved Countrymen.

IT is, even by Gods holy Providence, that now I am come to the Last hour of my mortall life in this miserable world, and therefore am desirous to give an account to all the world, in what faith and Religion I lived while I was in this world, and in which I am resolved to depart out of this world, which is the onely holy Catholique and Apostolical ~~and~~ Faith Religion, (that is,) the very same in all points as the Apostles themselves lived and dyed in, after they received the Holy Ghost, which our Saviour Christ promised to send them, to guide them in all truth, and to Remain with his Church for ever, And I do Renounce all errors and mistakes contrary to the same faith and Religion, holding all the holy word of god written or unwritten to be true, and Revealed to the Patriarks and Prophets, in the time of the Old Testament, as also revealed by our Saviour Jesus Christ to his apostles and disciples in the new Testament, and their successors declared to the rest of the world in the same right sence, as the holy Ghost according to our Saviours Promise, directed them to teach all truth, which is the onely faith in which a man can be saved, and no other, for it is said in the Holy scripture that there is but one faith one God and one Baptism, and St. *Paul* in an other place expressly faith, that without Faith it is impossible to please God, and every Man by natural reason, may easily know that without pleasing God no Man can be saved, for no Man can possibly be saved, in spight of God Almighty (that is) whether he will or no, therefore seeing none can be Saved, without pleasing God, and that none can please God without Faith, and seeing that there is no Faith, but one, and that one is that which our Saviour Christ taught to his Apostles, it Behoveth every Man to find it out, and live and dye in it, altho' they loose all that they have in the World and their Lives to Boot, seeing that it is of no small Importance to be Saved or Damned for ever, and to find out that Apostolical Faith, without which no Man can please God nor consequently be Saved, we must find out the eldest Faith amongst Christians, which was planted by our Saviour himself amongst his Apostles, which doth still last, and will last for ever ; for our Saviour promised to be with his Church to the Worlds end, and the Gates of Hell shall not prevail against it, and this is the reason why

I made choice to imbrace it, and all others ought to make choice of and imbrace the same, to live and dye in, to the intent we may be Saved Souls for ever: Detesting (as) I have said before all mistakes and Errors contrary to the said one Holy Catholique Apostolique Christian Faith, and Roman Religion, nothing can be held to be a true Article of Faith, but what is firmly grounded upon the Holy word of God, taken in the right Sense, by the guidance of the Holy Ghost: the rest of Controversies, may be disputed but not believed, by Divine Faith.

Now do I further declare, that I being of the Holy Faith and Religion living, peaceably in the Common-wealth all the days of my Life) have been taken suspected to be a Popish Priest, and have been committed to Prison and Sentenced to dye upon that Accompt for serving God, and Administring the Holy Sacraments according to the Rights and Ceremonies of the Roman Church, and for nothing else proved against me: and submitting my self to God's holy Will, and all the Penalties of the present Laws of the Kingdom relating thereto, I am heartily willing by Gods holy Grace, to suffer Death upon that accompt, hoping to be a Saved Soul, by the goodness and mercy of God, and the Merits and Passion of our Saviour Jesus Christ, and to the intent that I may depart out of this Miserable World: in Love and Charity, I do heartily forgive all, that have in any wise offended me, and beg Pardon and Forgiveness of all those that I have any ways offended, and especially I beg Pardon of God Almighty, for all my Haynous Offences committed against his Divine Majesty in thought word and deed, for which I am heartily Sorry, and with the help of his Grace, if they were yet undone, I would do my best never to do them, and this not only for fear of being Punished for my Sins, but out of the hearty Love I bear to my dear God, who hath Created me and Redeemed me with his most bitter Passion, in the Person of our Saviour true God and Man (and hath Sanctified me with the Grace of the Holy Ghost in Soul and Body.) As for the Subversion of Government or Conspiring against his Majesties Life: I do Sincerely protest in the presence of Almighty God, as I hope to be a Saved Soul, that I had not the least knowledge of it till it was noised abroad amongst the Common People, nor did I at any time after know any thing of it, otherwise then by common Report after Discovery, but was daily wont to pray for his Majesty, and his Loyal Consort, and so God (willing) intend to continue as long as I have breath, begging of God Almighty to send his Majesty a prosperous Raign whilst he Lives in this World, and after this miserable Life, to grant them both eternal Crowns in everlasting Bliss, and the same everlasting Happiness I wish to my own Soul, I wish also to my Enemies, to all that are here present, and the rest of the World, *Amen.* He was Aged about Seventy Years.

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